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Websites to Remember:

- MSL Genealogy – www.maine.gov/msl/services/genealogy/index.shtml
- Vital Records Researcher Card- www.maine.gov/dhhs/forms.shtml
- MSL Classes- www.maine.gov/msl/services/classes.shtml
- Maine Genealogical Society- http://maineroots.org

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A Review of Extraordinary Genealogy Collections

Spring is a time for new beginnings…why not use the same philosophy when it comes to looking for genealogical materials? For instance, have you ever heard of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana? They have their very own "Genealogy Center" which houses 350,000 printed volumes and over 513,000 microfiche and microfilms; and, the collection continues to expand! A tour of their website will show you that they have extensive holdings for the U.S. and Canada, comprising family histories; census records; city directories; passenger lists; military records; local records and numerous special collections, including those for African and Native Americans. They also house some materials for the British Isles and Germany. One very special collection is their genealogy and local history periodicals-6,200 current subscriptions, and more than 10,000 titles. These folks are the ones who compiled what's popularly known as PERSI, the PERiodical Source

Index, which goes back to 1847, was in print up to the late 1990s, and is now online through HeritageQuest. When those seeking articles from journals cannot find sources near to them, the staff at ACPL will accept requests for up to 6 articles at a time for the nominal fee of $7.50. Copies are made at .20 per page and billed separately. Outstanding resource! Check them out at: www.ACPL.Info .

Our next candidate for this short list is the St. Louis County Library in St. Louis, MO. The library is most definitely a"genealogical research destination" (per their website). They have another bit of good news for remote users: much of their collection circulates! In 2001 they became the repository for the National Genealogical Society Book Loan Collection, which includes more than 20,000 volumes of county and local histories, cemetery, court, land, marriage, estate and family histories, nationwide. So, if you cannot find what you need within a reasonable distance, and they have it, ask your librarian to borrow. For more information: www.slcl.org/ .

Last but certainly not least is the Library of Congress at- www.loc.gov. After taking their online tour, I found out that they have microfilmed some genealogical items and will loan the microfilm! Wow! Until next time, Happy Hunting!

MSL Has a Genealogy Club!

Come one, come all! A bunch of us were just having so much fun with our classes that we decided it couldn't end! So, we meet every month, have some snacks and catch up with each other! We try to have interesting topics and so far appear to be succeeding. In February, Dana Murch came from Belfast to speak with us about the research he's doing on his family and all the pitfalls that are involved. He was excellent! We've also had a tour of the State Archives, and our last meeting included an online tour of the genealogy section at the Library of Congress! In April, we'll be talking about membership in the Mayflower Society!

We meet every 4th Thursday, unless weather is an issue., and everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Emily S.